



GSC Newsletter 12/7/2018

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Stay Warm Grizzlies!

With finals and the holidays coming up, this time of the year can be stressful. If

you or someone you know is in need of tips for stress relief or for navigating the holidays as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, you can find our slideshow from our November 13th Serving Up Knowledge Session [here!](#)

Special Announcements

Support the GSC

Today is the last day for the All-University Fund Drive, it is a time for employees and retirees to show their OU pride and support the areas of campus that mean the most to them. Your gift will enable the GSC to continue to support LGBTQIA students at Oakland University.

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Become a Peer Mentor for the GSC

The GSC is looking to hire new peer mentors for the 2019-20 school year! If you want to help OU continue to be the number one campus for LGBT+ students in Michigan, apply at the link below! You must be a current student in order to apply, and **must attend one info-session** to be considered. There will be two next semester in room 127 of the OC, January 8th from 12-1pm and January 9th from 3-4pm. The peer mentor application is [here](#), please apply before January 18th, 2019.

Pride Month 2019-- Call for Proposals

We are currently accepting event proposals for Pride Month 2019, which will be held March 12th to April 11th this winter semester! If you are part of an organization or department or office and would like to host an event during Pride Month, submit your event [here](#). Proposals are due by 6 p.m. on Friday, December 7th (today).

Scholarship Opportunities for LGBTQ+ Students

The [Point Foundation](#) empowers promising lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students to achieve their full academic and leadership potential — despite the obstacles often put before them — and make a significant impact on society. The foundation currently is inviting applications from LGBTQ+ students

who will be enrolling in undergraduate or graduate programs for the 2019-20 academic year, if you are interested in applying please do so before January 28th, [here](#).

Mapping a Queer OU Project

Calling all LGBTQ+ students! Mapping a Queer OU is a unique and innovative study on LGBTQI+ experiences at Oakland. The results of this study will help create a visual representation of students' experiences – a map with heat spots specifically. Imagine a map of OU that shows off where students find affirming and pinpoints our areas of growth. Being committed to social justice and equity means figuring out where we still have work to do and doing it. Must be over 18 to participate. Survey link can be found [here](#).

Creating Change 2019 Volunteers Needed

500 local volunteers are needed to provide essential on-site power for this year's Creating Change Conference in Detroit, which is the nation's largest annual conference of the LGBTQ movement with an anticipated attendance of over 4,000. In exchange for every four-hour work session, volunteers can attend the rest of the day's programming free of charge! Click [here](#) to sign up!

Attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

If leadership is an interest or passion of yours, we encourage you to apply to attend the NCCWSL conference! They will be taking 8-10 OU students to the University of Maryland College Park on May 29th until June 1st, 2019. At the conference you can attend workshops and hear from featured speakers, all of whom address women's leadership and leadership skills. For more information feel free to reach out to Valerie Palmer-Mehta at vpalmer@oakland.edu, you can apply [here](#)!

Upcoming GSC Events

GSC Photo Shoot Opportunity

The Gender & Sexuality Center (GSC) is seeking students who have realized a positive impact from either the GSC or OU's inclusive campus environment and who are willing to share their individual stories for use in marketing materials. Students who complete the form will be contacted to arrange a time to have

their photo taken and be interviewed by a member of the University Communications and Marketing team. Sign up [here!](#) Please contact gawojcik@oakland.edu with any questions, the anticipated date for the photo shoot will be sometime in January 2019.

Serving Up Knowledge Session | January 15th | 12 - 1pm | Room 128-129

This will be our first Serving Up Knowledge Session for the Winter semester! We will be discussing "Lesser Known Identities in the LGBTQIA Community" and would love to see you there. Bring your lunch! No registration necessary.

Queering the Harlem Renaissance | AACM Event | January 30th | 11 - 3pm | Ambassador A/B

This event will highlight this pivotal time in African American history and the prevalent LGBTQIA community, experience, and narrative. With a riveting presentation by Dr. Kathleen Pfeiffer, writer, literary critic, and associate professor of English at Oakland University, who specializes in the Harlem Renaissance. Followed by an interactive exhibit of significant figures and art whose history and importance will be brought to the forefront in this celebration of Black LGBT America.

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